

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION,
AMENDING SECTION 1, ARTICLE 3, OF THE CONSTITU-
TION, PROVIDING FOR THE INITIATIVE
AND REFERENDUM.

S. J. R. No. 12.] SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

To amend Section 1 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to give to the people, or reserve to them, the power to propose laws and to enact or reject the same at the polls, and to approve or reject at the polls any Act of the Legislature.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

That Section 1 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read:

Section 1. The legislative power of this State shall be vested in a Senate and House of Representatives, which, together, shall be styled "The Legislature of the State of Texas," but the people reserve to themselves, power, as herein provided, to propose laws and to enact or reject the same at the polls, and to approve or reject at the polls any law, or any part of any law, enacted by the Legislature. The Legislature shall provide by law for submitting to the vote of the people, upon the petition of twenty per cent. of the qualified voters of the State the enactment of laws and the approval or rejection of any law enacted by the Legislature.

Be it further resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: that the above and foregoing is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State, and shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Texas for members of the Legislature, for their adoption or rejection as a part of the Constitution of this State, and shall be voted on by such electors at the regular election for the election of officers to be held throughout the State, on the second Tuesday in November, A. D. 1914, and those voting for the adoption of said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "For the amendment to Section 1 of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the initiative and referendum," and those voting against the adoption of said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment to Section 1, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the initiative and referendum." And the foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four consecutive weeks, commencing at least three months before the election at which it is to be voted upon, in one weekly newspaper in each county in this State, in which such a newspaper may be published. The Governor shall make proclamation of such election upon said proposed amendment by publication as aforesaid, and as required by the Constitution and laws, and the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is now appropriated out of any fund in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expense of making such proclamation and publication and holding said election.

[NOTE.—S. J. R. No. 12 passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote, yeas 21, nays 5, and was further passed by a two-thirds vote, yeas 21, nays 7, and Senate concurred in House amendments by a two-thirds vote, yeas

23, nays 0; and was passed by the House of Representatives with amendments by the following vote: yeas 84, nays 36.]

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION,
AMENDING ARTICLES XI, SECTION 7A, OF THE CONSTITUTION—PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZING COUNTIES
BORDERING ON THE GULF OF MEXICO
TO BUILD SEAWALLS.

S. J. R. No. 22.] SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing counties bordering on the Gulf of Mexico to build sea-walls by adding Section 7a, so as to authorize such counties to build sea-walls and designate seawall reclamation districts for the protection of life and property from storm overflow, and to build or condemn land for sea-wall and reclamation districts, the county to have State's title to the roads and bay shore line to low tide within the district, and the right to issue district bonds for acquiring and developing the district and building the sea-walls and when district is developed as townsite to sell such portions of the land as not not reserved for public use by the county.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas be proposed to the voters of the State of Texas for their adoption in accordance with law, and that the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to add Section 7a of Article XI, and that Section 7a of Article XI shall read as follows, to-wit:

Section 7a. Where protection against the waters of the Gulf of Mexico is needed for protection of life, health, property or the sea-wall, any county, bordering on the Gulf of Mexico may acquire title to the land for said sea-wall or sea-wall reclamation district as designated by the county commissioners court by purchase or condemnation of all the land desired for sea-wall and land for the sea-wall reclamation district from the sea-wall to bay shore tide line boundary of the property abutting on the bay, and the State hereby cedes to the county, for such district, for reclamation and general uses of the district, the title to bay shore lands in the district between the property tide line boundary and the low tide line of the bayshore, and any land in the reclamation district that may have been retained by the Republic of Texas or [or] the State for roads when the lands adjacent were platted and sold, and the county is given the right to dredge in the bay or in the gulf for fill for the district, and right to sell the land when reclaimed and laid off as townsite or otherwise, and where condemnation is used to acquire the land the proceedings to be as under the Statutes for condemnation for railroads, provided that the condemnation shall vest title in fee in the county and county may issue bonds or other evidence of district indebtedness for acquiring the property, building the sea-wall, reclamation developments and all incident thereto as expenses of sea-wall and reclamation district, with lien on land and such terms and conditions as county through its commissioners court may deem best, and the county commissioners